

Orchard Park & Franklin Park Retirement Community Programs





On February 3rd a Flag Program for the Veterans & Residents of
the Orchard Park Retirement Community, McKinney, Texas
and

On February 8th a Flag Program for the Veterans & Residents of
Franklin Park Retirement Community, Plano/Richardson, Texas

Members of the Color Guard from
Ambassador Fletcher Warren, Denton, McKinney, & Plano Chapters
participated in these programs.

Flag Certificates were presented, Veterans were recognized for their
Service to our Country.



Color Guard with the Attending Veteran Residents of Orchard Park



Compatriots Harvey Vrooman, Plano & Dick Arnold, Dallas & Plano
with the some of the other Flags of the American Revolution



Compatriot Drake Peddie, President Denton, Past President Plano, gets the show on the road with a showing of the Ben Franklin Political cartoon of 1750's "Join or Die"

Assisting Drake are Howard Roach, Past President Plano, and Dan Reed, President Plano & Past President Denton



↑ Howard Roach and the Culpeper County Virginia Minute Men Flag.

Howard explained the working of the Militia during the Revolutionary War & About the Battle of King Mountain between Patriot & Torrey Militia

Compatriot Don Sielert, Past President of McKinney explains the Bunker Hill Flag & how the Battle really took place at Breeds Hill. A Patriot Victory even though they retreated over Bunker Hill! ↓



Bill Neisel, Plano Chapter and the
Washington Cruisers Flag,
in our struggle with the British
“An Appeal to Heaven”
was our only hope! ↓



↑ Compatriot Don Babbs, McKinney
Chapter With the Guilford Courthouse
Flag. Guilford Courthouse was the battle
where the Continental Troops under
General Greene showed that the Patriots
could stand and fight the British to a
stand still. Major victory in the Southern
Campaign that forced Cornwallis back to
Virginia, and defeat at Yorktown.





Dan Reed, Plano President M.C.-ing a Flag Program for the Veterans & Residents of Franklin Park Retirement Community



Howard Roach assisted by Harvey Vrooman shows the Gadsden Flag, not the “tea party flag” from 1775. The Continental Marines assembling on the dock in Philadelphia had the coiled Timber Rattler on their Drums painted bright Yellow with the
“Don't Tread On Me”
Painted below the Snake! ↓

Compatriot Dan Reed, President Plano, Past President Denton, gets the show on the road with a showing of the Ben Franklin Political cartoon of 1750's “Join or Die”

Assisting Dan are Howard Roach, Past President Plano, and Don Sielert, Past President McKinney



Capt. George Fishley



↑ Howard Roach showing a picture of a Continental Soldier made in 1850 when he was 90 years old in his uniform. It is a "Tin Plate" photo. Only about 5 pictures of Revolutionary War Veterans exist, only one in his uniform!

The veteran was George Fishley.

There is a note attached to the back of the image.

It reads:

← "Capt. George Fishley is 90 years on his birthday June 11, 1850. He called at the house this afternoon and appeared well and healthy for an old man, he went to sleep and died December 26th aged 90 years, 7 months and 15 days."



Betsy Ross, Teddy Rector of the DAR, cutting the Five Pointed Star as Bill Neisel assists with the Betsy Ross Flag



The Other Flags of the American Revolution



At Orchard Park

Compatriots Dick Arnold, Don Babbs, Jack Hughes, Dan Reed, Don Sielert,
Howard Roach , Drake Peddie, & Harvey Vrooman

At Franklin Park

Compatriots Dick Arnold, Don Babbs, Bill Neisel, Dan Reed, Howard Roach,
Don Sielerts, & Teddy Rector of the DAR

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